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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jim Balazs on Nov. 5, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, page 5, line 6,

"the number of shafts is n-1" was changed to

-- the number of shafts is n-2 --

Page 5, line 10,

"located in n-1 positions" was changed to

-- located in n-2 positions --.

Claim 5, lines 11-12,

"connecting mechanisms, n-1 in number" was changed to

--connecting mechanisms, n-2 in number --;

Claim 5, line 16,

"in n-1 positions" was changed to

-- in n-2 positions --.

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